

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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*Marked-up version of replacement paragraph of the Specification*

On page 1, immediately after "Related Applications", the first paragraph was amended as follows:

This application is a continuation of USSN 09/231,315, filed January 13, 1999, now US Patent 6,307,087; which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 09/113,478, filed July 10, 1998.